Institutes of Technology, Indian Institute of Petroleum, Forensic Laboratories, Defence Laboratories, Society for Petroleum Laboratory, etc., have also got facilities for testing of fuels.

New oil and gas field in western offshore

1612. DR. ALLADI P. RAJKUMAR:

SHRI C. RAMACHANDRAIAH:

Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Oil and Natural Gas Corporation has discovered new oil and gas field in the Western Offshore about six Km. East of Bassein gas field;

(b) the estimate of oil and gas expected to be extracted from this field; and

(c) by when it is likely to flow?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI SANTOSH GANGWAR): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) and (c) Estimation of recoverable oil and gas from the field can be done after the completion of the ongoing exploration and delineation of the field.

Impact of devaluation of rupee on price of petroleum products

†1613. SHRI RAJIV RANJAN SINGH 'LALAN':

SHRI KAPIL SIBAL:

Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the prices of petroleum products and crude oil to be imported get hiked as a result of devaluation of rupee; and

(b) if so, the price hike on the import of crude oil as a result of devaluation of rupee during the last months of 2001-2002?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI SANTOSH GANGWAR): (a) Yes, Sir.

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.